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Collaboration vs. Affiliation in Higher Education: A Case Study of Institutional Misrepresentation

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Abstract

This document records a recurrent pattern of misrepresentation concerning affiliations and claims of institutional equivalence by ***Dr. Alán Alpár, Vice-Rector for International Studies at Semmelweis University***. Notably, Alpár has proposed or implied associations with Harvard University and has asserted that Semmelweis University is 'on par with Harvard.' Independent verification reveals no verified ties to Harvard, and objective comparisons indicate a substantial disparity between the two institutions. The analysis is contextualized within the framework of documented violations of educational rights at Semmelweis University, which is presently subject to active proceedings by the Ombudsman and the Administrative Court (**Case No. EBF–AJBH–309–2025; 7. Kpk . 750.239/2025/2).** By consolidating various evidence, international oversight acknowledgments, and disclosures protected by whistleblower statutes, this paper uncovers systemic misrepresentations while upholding a neutral and evidence-based perspective.

1. Introduction

Semmelweis University is a leading Hungarian medical institution, but has come under scrutiny for administrative irregularities, discriminatory practices against international students, and failure to comply with internal policies (**SZMSZ Articles 5, 11, 13, 29, and 45)**. Amid these controversies, Dr. Alán Alpár has made public and private statements suggesting affiliations with Harvard University and asserting institutional equivalence between Semmelweis and Harvard. This paper investigates these claims through documented verification and comparative analysis.

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2. Harvard Affiliation Verification

2.1 Methodology. Independent searches were conducted across Harvard University's official websites (harvard.edu), including Harvard College, HGSE, HBS, Harvard Catalyst, and T.H. Chan School of Public Health faculty directories.

2.2 Findings. No records were found substantiating an active or historical affiliation for Dr. Alán Alpár in Harvard's faculty directories, affiliate listings, or institutional announcements.

2**.3 Conclusion**. Any allegations of Harvard appointment (as evidenced on official Harvard pages) by Dr. Alpár lack substantiation through verifiable evidence. Misrepresenting one's institutional association constitutes a violation of academic integrity and diminishes credibility in international collaborations.

No record of Dr. Alán Alpár was found in any of Harvard University's official faculty or affiliate directories as of August 16, 2025, including Harvard College, the Graduate School of Education, the Business School, Harvard Catalyst, and the T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

3. Clarification on Institutional Collaborations Versus Individual Affiliations

Semmelweis University, akin to many other European medical institutions, has periodically engaged in programmatic and research collaborations with international organizations, including Harvard University. Such collaborations may encompass specialized postgraduate programs, joint workshops, or exchange initiatives. Nonetheless, institutional partnerships do not entail individual academic appointments or personal faculty affiliations. Although the university may endorse cooperative endeavors with Harvard, this does not bestow any personal titles, visiting scholar status, or faculty appointments upon individual administrators or faculty members, such as Dr. Alán Alpár. It is essential to distinguish between institutional collaborations and individual academic associations to prevent any potential misrepresentation of the relationship.

4. Comparative Analysis: Harvard University vs. Semmelweis University

Category	Harvard University	Semmelweis University
Global Rankings (2025)	**Top 5 worldwide (QS, THE, ARWU)**	**201–300 globally (THE 2025)**
Scope	**Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary**	**Specialized in medicine/health sciences**
Research Funding	**Over USD 1 billion annually**	**Primarily international student tuition + state grants**
International Reputation	**Nobel laureates, world leaders, global prestige**	**Regional recognition; under Ombudsman & court scrutiny**
Governance Record	**Transparent, audited, academic freedom protected**	**Policy violations: FM/CV access denial, selective enforcement, specimen quality issues**
Accreditation Oversight	**Benchmark for global accreditation**	**Under review by Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB)**
Public Interest Cases	**No active Ombudsman/court cases**	**Active: EBF–AJBH–309–2025; 7.Kpk.750.239/2025/2**

5. Context of Misrepresentation

The assertion that 'Semmelweis is on par with Harvard' is not substantiated by global rankings, accreditation data, or institutional performance metrics. Conversely, Semmelweis University is currently subject to an **Ombudsman investigation (Case No. EBF–AJBH–309–2025)**, administrative court proceedings concerning the denial of laboratory access despite valid **FM/CV registration, and recognition from international oversight bodies** such as **ECFMG, WFME, and the Hungarian Accreditation Committee**. Such promotional statements should be recognized as institutional misrepresentation.

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6. Whistleblower Protections

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7. Conclusion

Dr. Alán Alpár's claims regarding Harvard appointment (as evidenced on official Harvard pages) and institutional equivalence are unsubstantiated. Evidence from official Harvard directories, international rankings, and accreditation authorities indicates significant discrepancies. Given the ongoing Ombudsman and Administrative Court proceedings, these assertions raise serious questions concerning transparency, governance, and academic integrity at Semmelweis University. This document aims to provide an evidence-based contribution to public accountability and is prepared for distribution via SSRN and ResearchGate.

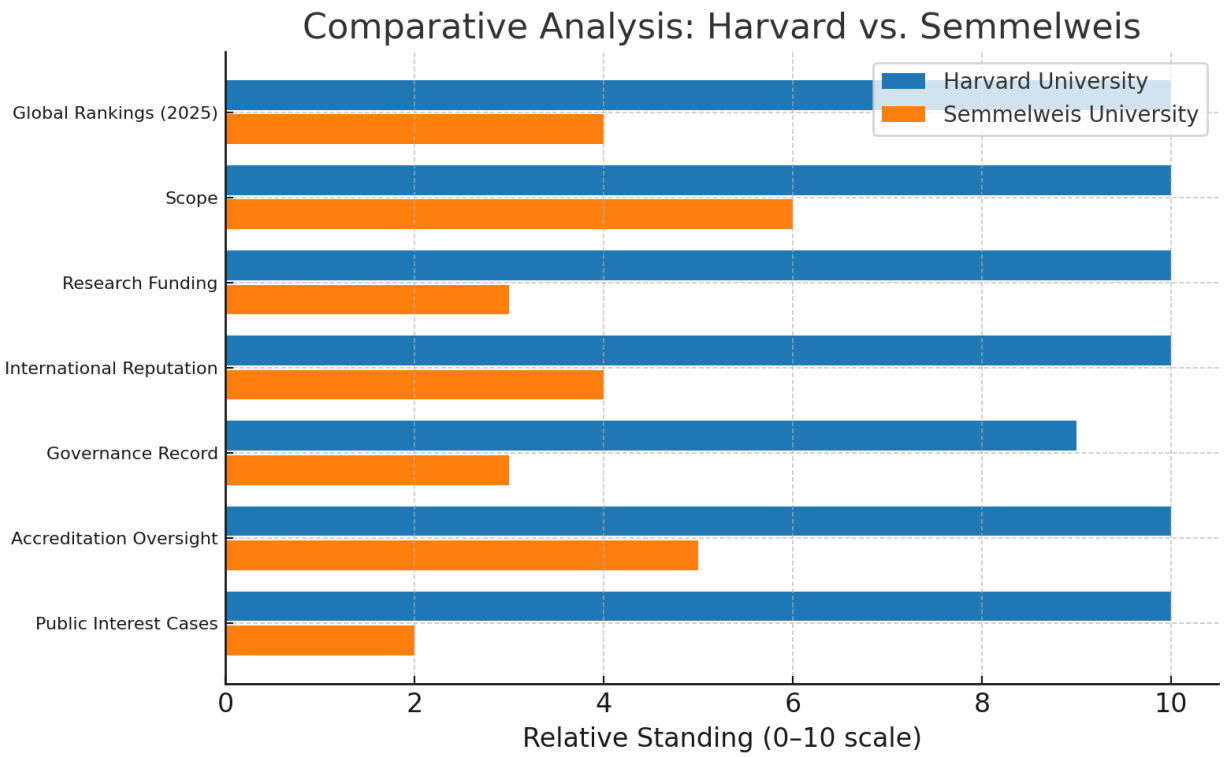

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Exhibit C – Comparative Analysis: Harvard University versus Semmelweis University

This exhibit presents a ***comparative analysis of Harvard University and Semmelweis University***. It incorporates data from international rankings, research funding, accreditation oversight, and documented legal or ombudsman cases. The objective is to provide evidence-based clarification concerning claims of institutional equivalence.

Category: Harvard University | Semmelweis University

- **Global Rankings (2025): Top 5 worldwide (QS, THE, ARWU) | 201–300 band globally**
- **Scope: Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary research university | Specialized in medicine and health sciences**
- **Research Funding: Over USD 1 billion annually, primarily financed through tuition fees and state grants from international students (not state-funded by the Hungarian government).**
- International Reputation: Nobel laureates, world leaders, at global prestige | Regional recognition; subject to Ombudsman and court scrutiny
- Governance Record: Transparent, audited; academic freedom protected | Recorded violations include denial of FM/CV access, selective enforcement, and poor specimen quality
- Accreditation Oversight: Benchmark for global accreditation | Under review by the **Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB)**
- Public Interest Cases: No active Ombudsman or court cases |

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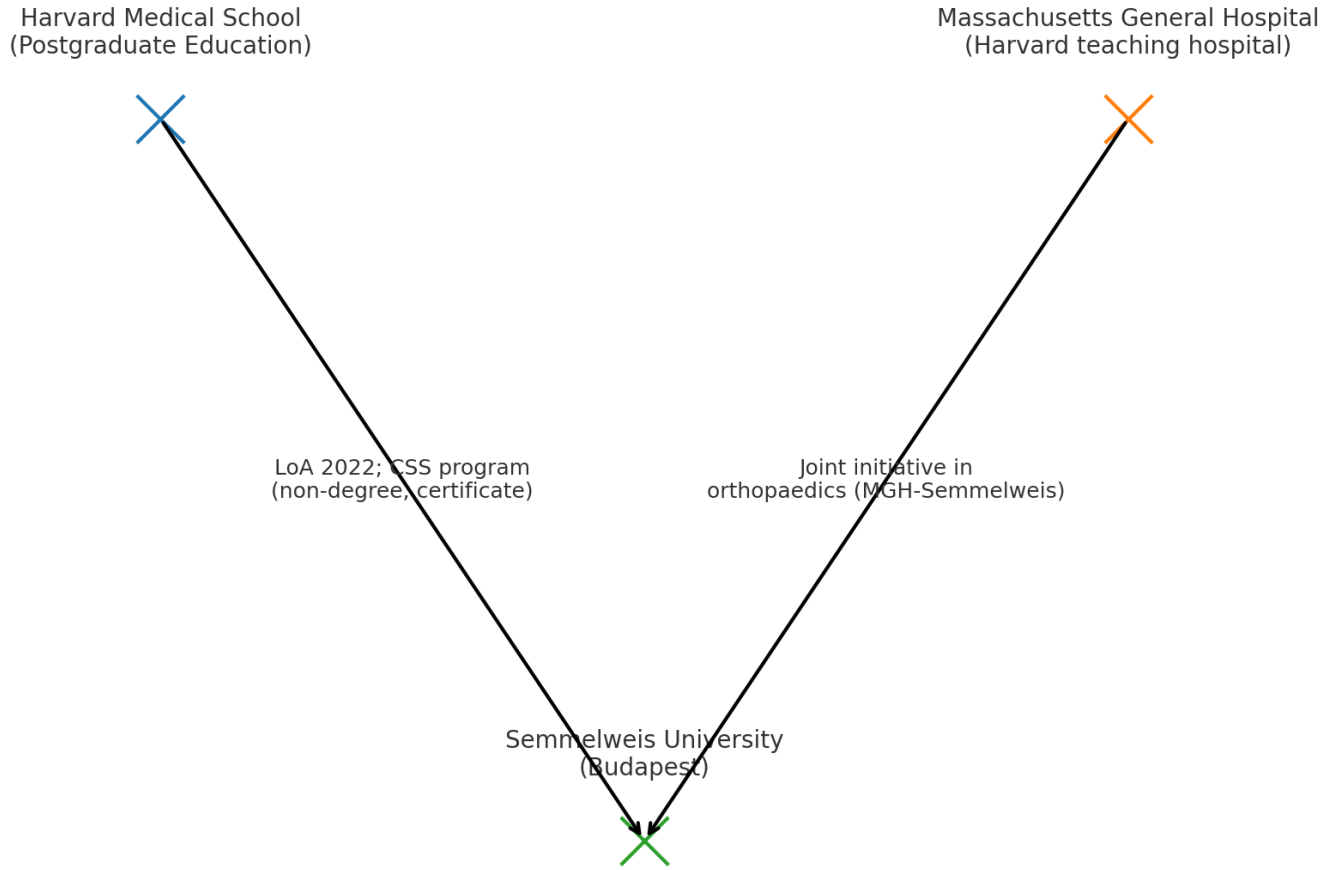
Harvard Medical School Postgraduate Education (PGME) offers the Semmelweis-Harvard CSS certificate in Budapest as a non-degree, non-credit program. This collaboration does not grant employment or faculty status at Harvard to Semmelweis staff. An examination of current official Harvard web pages shows no indication that Dr. Alán Alpár holds any appointment at Harvard University. Consequently, this document differentiates between institutional collaboration and personal appointments, referring to Harvard-managed pages as appropriate.

Clarification Box: What counts as an "affiliation"?

- Institutional collaboration: letter of agreement, custom training, or certificate program delivered by HMS PGME.
- Individual appointment: named Harvard faculty/staff title with a directory entry or appointment notice on official Harvard pages.

Figure 1. Collaboration map (Harvard PGME, MGH, and Semmelweis)



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Affiliation Factcheck: Dr. Alán Alpár, Semmelweis University, and Harvard-Related Programs
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This memorandum assesses assertions regarding Harvard affiliation concerning Dr. Alán Alpár and elucidates the scope of collaboration between Semmelweis University and Harvard-affiliated programs in Budapest. The official records designate Dr. Alpár as Vice Rector for International Studies and a professor of anatomy at Semmelweis University; his publicly available profile lists prior European roles but does not indicate any appointment at Harvard.

In December 2022, **Semmelweis University** and **Harvard Medical School's Postgraduate Education (PGME)** unit formalized a **Letter of Agreement to offer the Clinical Science Scholars (CSS) certificate** in Budapest, with scholarships funded by Semmelweis University for participating individuals. Harvard PGME specifies that these offerings are non-degree, non-credit courses, and participants are awarded a Harvard Medical School PGME certificate. Such participation fundamentally differs from holding an academic appointment at Harvard University.

A separate initiative involving **Massachusetts General Hospital**, a Harvard teaching hospital, is documented on its official website, describing an MGH-Semmelweis orthopedics collaboration. This relationship is characterized as a programmatic partnership rather than a personal appointment for Dr. Alpár.

Based on the available official information, there is no evidence to suggest that Dr. Alpár holds any faculty or staff appointment at Harvard University. It is crucial that programmatic collaborations, such as Letters of Agreement and PGME certifications, are not misrepresented as personal academic appointments.

Note: The collaboration diagram is included within the revised Word document and may be appended to this PDF as necessary.

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